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NEWS SUMMARY:

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today, a grand jury sitting in the Eastern District of Wisconsin indicted DEMETRIUS L. GOOCH (a/k/a "Toot"), age 27, a resident of Milwaukee, on two counts of money laundering.

The indictment alleges that Demetrius Gooch purchased luxury cars with drug money. Between 2001 and 2002, Gooch purchased two vehicles, a 2002 Cadillac Escalade for over \$53,000 in cash and a 2000 Mercedes Benz for over \$63,000. Gooch had the Cadillac registered to his father and the Mercedes registered to his grandmother with the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles.

If convicted, Gooch faces up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$500,000.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Elizabeth M. Blackwood.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government established his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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